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"WHAT AMERICA MEANS TO ME,"
essay by Mary Guss, of Frenchtown, Montana,
wins second prize.

Entering a contest sponsored by KGVO Radio Station, Missoula, Mont., Mary Guss, daughter of Section Foreman Joe Guss, submitted the following essay and was awarded second prize.

Mary was born in Italy and came to the United States when an infant. She received her high-school education at the Sacred Heart Academy, Missoula, took nurses' training at Sacred Heart Hospital, Spokane, for a year, and when her mother died she returned home where she now keeps house

for her father and five year old brother.

An expression of this nature on the part of an individual born in Italy, and who later came to appreciate the advantages of living under the freedom granted in this country, is most appropriate at this time. Many American-born citizens also would do well if they stopped to analyze "What does America mean to me?"

"Dear Uncle Sam:

Often I've planned to write a 'thank you' note and now, after eighteen years, the time has come to express my gratitude.

Starting from the beginning, I want to thank you for being so kind when I first came over from Italy. It was hard. Everything was so strange. Yet you treated me as a member of a huge family rather than a guest. You're swell.

Now I'm quite settled. I have a wonderful home, equally wonderful parents, and splendid neighbors. It's wonderful to feel free to mingle among your nieces and nephews.

I've also gone to school. There I found what was and is to be my guide for my stay here. The Constitution is all I ask. I feel that rights such as Freedom of Speech, Religion, and Freedom from Want and Fear are sufficient.

Although I'm comparatively safe here --- I want to express my loyalty and to prove to you that I am worthy to say 'I am an American.' I will stand behind you in anything you ask, so that soon your other nieces and nephews will return home again.

In closing I'll say 'America and Uncle Sam, I love you.'

Sincerely a niece,

(Signed) Mary Guss"

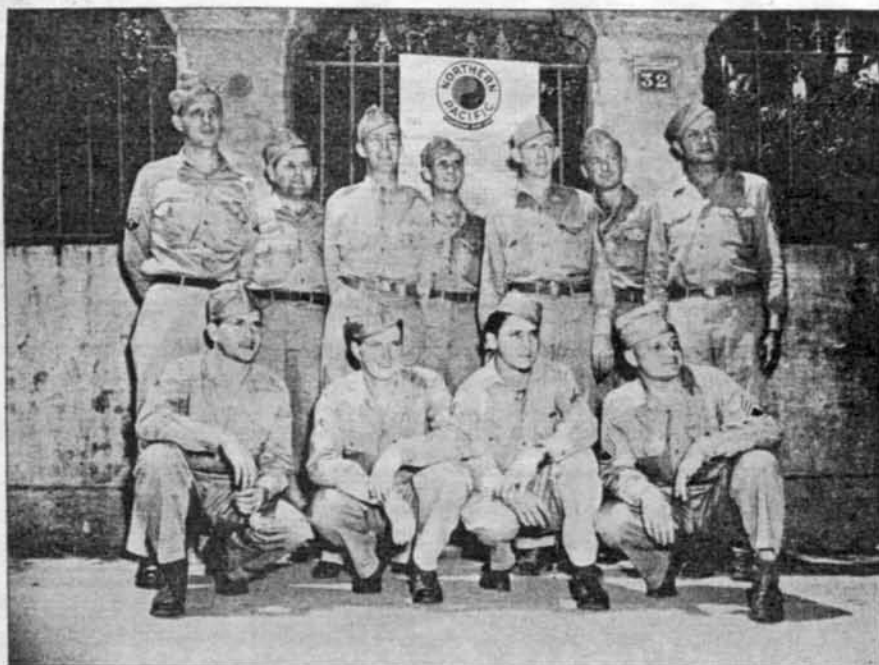


HELP WIN THE WAR-

WITH THE MONEY YOU SAVE

Invest in at least

ONE EXTRA \$100 BOND in the 3rd WAR LOAN



Top Row, left to right: T-5 Leonard L. Kaminski; T/Sgt. Julius Fuith; Capt. Robert A. Sharood; T-4 Gerald T. Gardell; T-5 James F. Lang; T-3 Bruce W. Stuart, and T/Sgt. Sidney W. Truax.

Front Row: Pvt. Rodney W. Fickle; PFC Paul C. Ivory; PFC Adolph D. Auge, Jr.; and Staff Sgt. Rudy Clemmensen.

These are some of the boys from the Northern Pacific, now with Headquarters Military Railway Service, making history somewhere in North Africa.

In a letter to W. J. Baillon of the Valuation Dept., Rudy Clemmensen says "All's Well." The boys send greetings to all their friends and say they hope to be back before the Northern Pacific calendar is out of date.

Stopping at third base adds no more to the score than striking out.

To rise higher, aim higher.

"Janitor, you could cool our apartment nicely this summer if you run ice water through the radiators."

"Can't be done, madam."

"What did you have in them last winter?"

In times like these when materials, equipment and life itself are so essential in the war program, efforts expended towards safety should be redoubled.

There is nothing nearly so clever as Honesty and Sincerity.

Yardmen

When attempting to board a swiftly moving car, Yardman struck rung of side ladder, bruising his shin.

B. and B. Men

Unloading timbers from flat car, B & B man caught his hand between car and timber, badly bruising his thumb.

Trackmen

Using a pick, Section Laborer struck a torpedo that was buried under ballast. Torpedo exploded, causing severe pain in one ear.

This is an excellent example of what can happen when torpedoes are not properly handled.

A true friend is the man who knows all about you, and still likes you.

FROM A MARINE

And if our lines should form and break,
Because of things you failed to make -
The extra tank or ship or plane
For which we waited all in vain
And the supplies that never came
Will you then come and take the blame?
For we, not you, will pay the cost
Of battles you, not we, have lost.

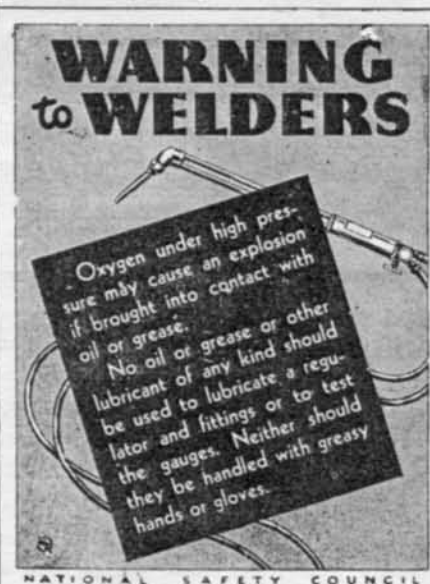
The Railroad Man's Answer:

"We'll keep that pledge which we have made
Not let our spirits lag or fade.
We'll deliver that extra plane and tank
And those supplies on which you bank.
Thru night's dark hours we'll roll
trains thru
To get that precious freight to you.
We'll "Keep 'em rolling" at such a pace
That the Japanazi will "Lose all face."
Neither "too little" nor "too late,"
We pledge to deliver that needed freight.

H.V. Rhine-N.P. Adv. Dept.

SAFETY POSTERS

How many employees, after looking at a safety poster, digest its meaning and try to educate themselves and others in safety practices. Some people only see it through the eye while others assimilate its meaning through the mind and eye both, so that it is not merely a picture but a safety lesson that educates the individuals so they will not make a mistake that will cause an injury to themselves or others.



NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTIVE DIRECTORS N.P.B.A. DUE IN SEPTEMBER

Announcement has been placed on bulletin boards that nominations for Elective Directors, Northern Pacific Beneficial Association, for the next four year term must be received by September 30, 1943, at the office of E.A. Reiser, Secretary, Northern Pacific General Office Building, St. Paul, Minn.

Any employe desiring to nominate a candidate to represent his respective group may do so. Employes are limited, however, to submitting names of candidates to employes working in the same class of service as they are.

There will be a vacancy due to the retirement of C. J. Wilkinson, representing Trackmen. Present directors and employe groups they represent are as follows:

John Barry.....	Train and Dining Car Conductors.....	Livingston, Mont.
	307 N. Yellowstone	
F. L. Dickover..	Brakemen, Switchmen and other	
	Trainmen	Billings, Mont.
	726 Lewis Street	
R. B. Foulkes...	Telegraphers, Towermen, Dispatchers..	St. Paul, Minn.
	1254 Bradley Street	
R. R. Jacobus...	Locomotive Engineers and Motormen..	Tacoma, Wash.
	402 S. 35th Street	
Jas. McDougall..	Locomotive Firemen and Hostlers.....	Yardley, Wash.
	Box 1754	
A. L. Chamberlin..	Shopmen, Locomotive Department...	Livingston, Mont.
	421 South "H" Street	
Chas. Rafferty ..	Shopmen, Car Department—Como.....	St. Paul, Minn.
	957 Mendota Street	
Joseph Roy.....	Bridge, Building and Construction....	Tacoma, Wash.
	5409 South "J" Street	
C. J. Wilkinson.	Trackmen, Tie Treating Plant.....	Carlton, Minn.
C. M. Devine...	General Office	St. Paul, Minn.
	1446 James Street	
B. L. Toettcher.	Station Employes	Duluth, Minn.
	511 North Second Ave., West	

Everyone should take a great deal of interest in these nominations. From the group of nominees, the eleven elective directors who will manage the affairs of the N.P.B.A. for the next four years will be chosen. If you are satisfied with your present representative, nominate him. If not, send in the name of some other employe in your group as your nominee.

Election ballots for voting in November will be furnished in ample time for all members to use in selecting their representative.

DON'T FORGET

**TO GET A BUNCH OF BONDS,
TO BUY A BUNCH OF BOMBS,
TO BOMB A BUNCH OF BUMS.**

A male nurse in a mental hospital noticed a patient with his ear close to the wall, listening intently. The patient held a finger as a warning for him to be very quiet, then beckoned him over and said: "You listen here."

The nurse put his ear to the wall and listened for some time, then turned to the patient and said: "I can't hear anything."

"No," said the patient, "and it's been like that all day."

The man who thinks about his job is usually well thought of by his employer and his fellow workers.

"There I was, forced down on a desert island with a beautiful blonde."

"What did you do for food?"

"Darned if I remember."

FACTS TO CONSIDER

In the 6 seconds it takes you to read this item, accidents will kill one person, injure eighteen, and will cost approximately \$6500.00 in the United States alone.

**ALWAYS MAKE SURE OF
YOUR GRIP AND FOOTING
WHEN OPERATING
HAND BRAKES**



NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL

WAR BONDS HELP

J. E. Rohrer entered the service of the Northern Pacific Railway in 1912 and has been employed for the last 25 years as checker at Spokane. He is pictured below with a hand full of bonds purchased in the interest of our War effort.

This is not only a fine patriotic effort but also a sound savings investment.

Purchase of bonds may be made thru the Northern Pacific payroll deduction plan or for cash. See your supervisor at once and do your part to put across the Third War Loan Drive.



STATEMENT OF EMPLOYEES' REPORTABLE CASUALTIES BY CLASSES
for the Period Jan 1 to Aug. 31, 1943

Division	Divisions								Rank per Million Man Hours (Est.)
	Enginemen	Trainmen	Yardmen	Stationmen	Trackmen	B. & B. men	Shopmen	Carmen	
Lake Supr.	2	2	3		4		3	1	2
St. Paul	4	2	6	4	4		3	3	3
Fargo		1	1				2	1	1
Yellowstone	4	5	3	3	5	4	4	3	4
Rocky Mountain	6	9	4	3	12	2	3		5
Idaho	8	16	11	4	19	5	6	1	7
Tacoma	10	19	16	3	21	5	14	1	6
Main Shops									
Como								3	2
Brainerd							7	4	3
Livingston							3	3	4
So. Tacoma							1	1	1
Store									7
Miscellaneous									39
Grand Total	34	54	44	17	65	16	46	21	343
Casualty Rate per Million Man Hours (est.) - - - - -									8.4

He who tells even small lies needs a great memory.

Enginemen

Recently there were two accidents resulting in burns on wrist when firemen handling squirt hose got scalding water in gauntlet of glove.

It MAY INTEREST YOU TO KNOW

that most of the injuries in machine shops result from—

MISHANDLING MATERIALS

FLYING OBJECTS

MISUSE OF HAND TOOLS

STRIKING AGAINST OBJECTS

FALLS

FALLING OBJECTS

Let this list remind you when to be extra cautious

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THE PIED PIPER

Briffiths was the father of 12 children and he decided to take them all to the seaside. They set off, reached the station, got their tickets, and were about to enter the train, when the proud parent was touched on the shoulder by a policeman.

"What have you been doing?" the constable demanded.

"Me? Why nothing!" stammered the surprised man.

The policeman waved his hand toward the family.

"Then why," he asked, "is this crowd following you?"

Trainmen

While car was jacked up to rebrass journal, the jack block slipped out and struck brakeman in stomach.

It takes 50,000 man-hours of work to build a medium bomber as against 200 for an auto.

NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY VETERANS MEET AT SPOKANE

The second annual picnic of the Spokane Local, Northern Pacific Veterans Ass'n., was held Sunday afternoon, August 1st, in beautiful Manito Park, Spokane.

About 50 members with their families enjoyed a picnic lunch and an afternoon spent in reminiscing and greeting old friends. 25 of these members are retired from active service.

After lunch the entire assemblage stood at attention and pledged allegiance to the flag. A short business meeting was held, presided over by Mr. Harry Morris, (retired Conductor) followed by an election of officers and a general discussion for the good of the order.

Mr. Otto Anderson was elected President for the ensuing year.

Mr. John J. Schmidt, Ass't. Sup't. of Safety, spoke on Conservation of Manpower.

A year ago, when the war's demands on transportation facilities prevented the parent body or system organization of the Vets Ass'n from continuing their annual conventions for the duration, Mr. & Mrs. S. L. Whipple, (retired GYM) Mr. & Mrs. Otto Anderson, (retired Yardman) Mr. & Mrs. M.O. Lee, (Brakeman) originated this method of perpetuating the tradition of "One Big Family," locally at least, and the Spokane unit was formed. A drive will be started shortly to double the present membership of 190.

A banquet was held last winter and another is planned for the coming winter.

The members expressed their hope for a speedy victory to hasten the day when they can again meet in system annual convention to meet and greet old friends.

Members desiring information concerning future activities of this club may write Mr. Gordon Hartley, Asst. Chief Clerk to Superintendent at Spokane, Wash.